



The MaineCare Initiative to Support Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Information Technology

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Program Overview

- The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) established a three-prong effort that provides significant incentive payments to providers and hospitals to improve their use of computerized Electronic Health Records (EHR):
 1. A state coordinator for a state's overall electronic health care system
 2. A Medicaid program run by the State—Office of MaineCare Services
 3. A Medicare program run by the Medicare office (federal)
- This presentation covers No. 2, the Medicaid Health Information Technology Program operated by Maine's MaineCare Services.

Highlights of the Incentive Payment Program

- Incentive payments are paid to providers for using certified computerized EHR in a meaningful way in accordance with the Federal Final Rule

Type	Payments to eligible MaineCare providers and hospitals throughout the life of the program
Eligible Providers	\$63,750 in Medicaid payments per provider \$44,000 in Medicare payments per provider
Hospitals	Estimated total of \$145M combined Medicaid and Medicare payments across all eligible Maine hospitals*

- Currently, less than one-half of Maine ambulatory care providers use computerized EHR
- MaineCare estimates that between 800 to 1,200 ambulatory care providers will be eligible to receive EHR incentive payments
- The vast majority of the 39 Maine hospitals will be eligible for payments
- Incentive payments are 100% federal funds

* Baker, Newman, Noyes. (July, 2010). *An Assessment of Electronic Health Records Meaningful Use Incentive Payments: Maine Hospitals*.

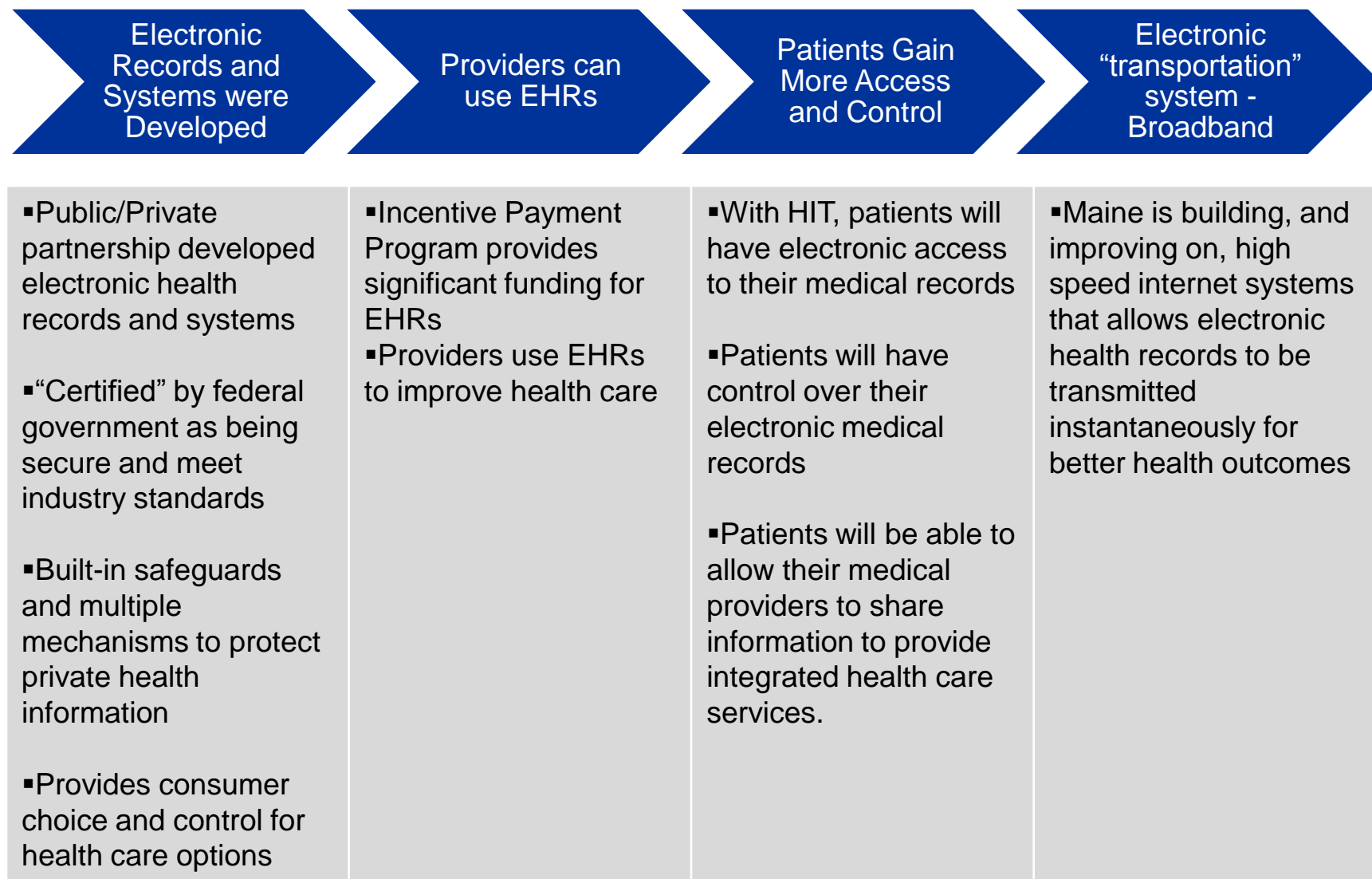
Timeline of MaineCare Incentive Payment Program

- January 2010: Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) approved Maine's pre-planning document
- January 2011: Maine submitted its final plan to CMS for approval
- Fall 2011: MaineCare is targeting to launch the program and begin processing applications
- Mid-Winter 2011/2012: MaineCare expects to begin issuing payments as early as mid-winter

Benefits of Improving Health Information Technology

- Improving Health Information Technology (HIT) is particularly beneficial for Maine as a rural state
- Medical tests, such as EKGs, can be sent from a medical provider in a rural area to a hospital where it can be instantly read
- Trauma tests done for accident victims can be transmitted from ambulances instantaneously to hospitals to prepare for emergency room services
- Data about the health status of Maine citizens can be used to improve the quality of healthcare and the efficiency of health care delivery

Four Components of Health Information Technology



Maine's Collaborative Approach for HIT

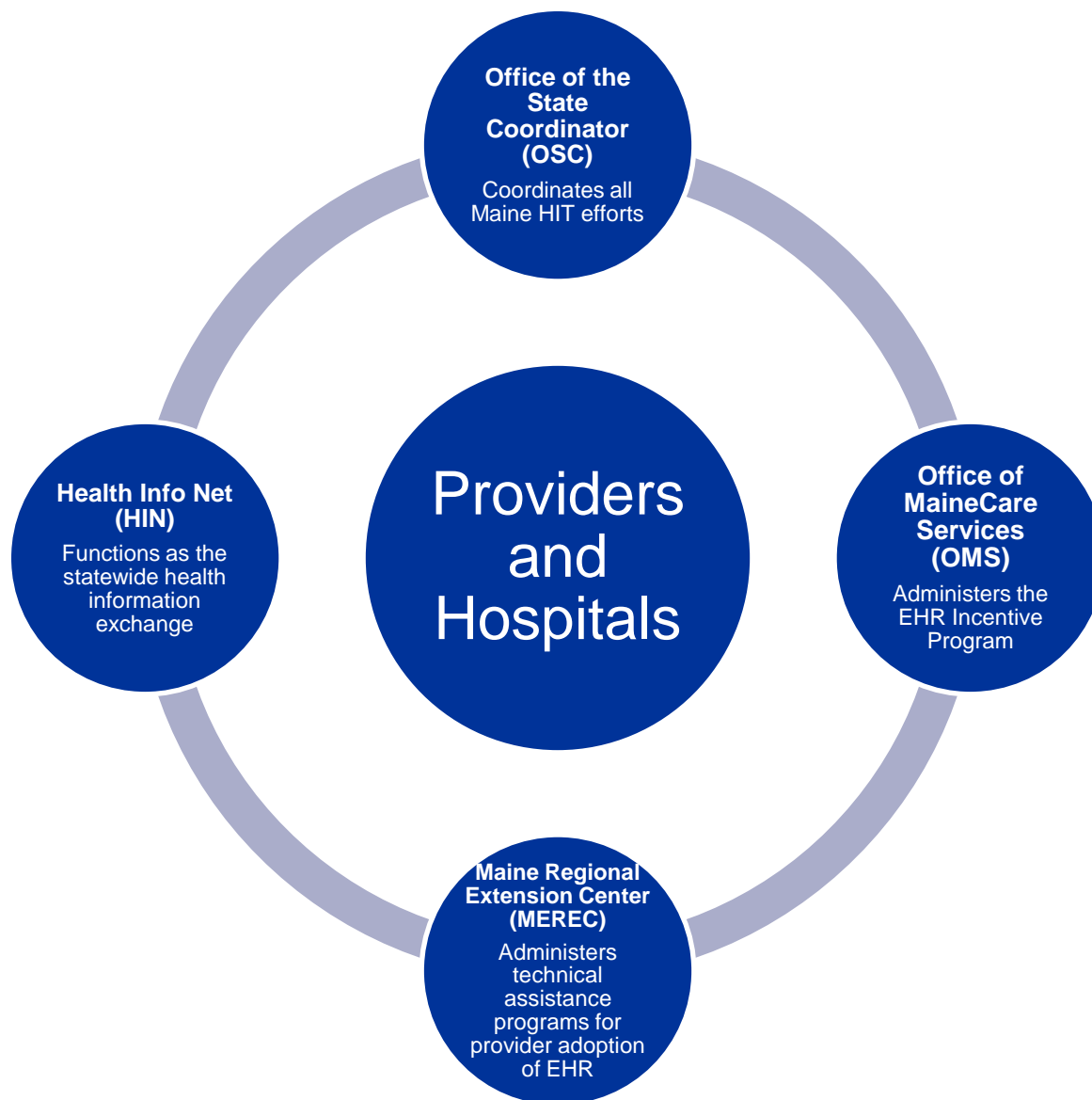
2009 Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)

- Allowed states to establish an Office of the State Coordinator (OSC)
 - Maine's OSC coordinates HIT for the state's overall health care system and for the "exchange" of health data
- Established a state-administered Medicaid Health Information Technology Program
 - MaineCare administers an HIT plan and provides incentive payments for Medicaid providers and hospitals for using HIT
- Established a federally administered payment program run by CMS for Medicare providers and hospitals

HITECH Works with, and Builds upon, Existing Initiatives

- Broadband Technology – Maine’s ConnectME Authority
 - Maps the availability of high speed internet access in Maine
 - Provides grants for public/private projects that leverage federal and private funds to improve access and use of broadband
- Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (DHHS) - Telemedicine
 - Telephone to real-time video and internet connection that provides “distant” health care delivery
- Other Initiatives include electronic Pharmacy E-prescribing, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) grant, and others

HIT Initiatives Coordinate to Serve Providers and Hospitals



MaineCare Program Eligibility

Who is Eligible for the MaineCare Incentive Payments

Entity eligible for the MaineCare program	% of patients that need to be Medicaid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Physicians •Dentists •Certified Nurse Midwives •Physician Assistants (PA) •Nurse Practitioners 	30%
Pediatricians	At least 20%
Hospitals	10%

How the Patient Volume is Calculated

Method of Calculation	How the Calculation is Done
▪ Encounter (Services done by a provider on a single day*)	$\frac{\text{Total number of Medicaid patient encounters}}{\text{All patient encounters}}$

*Calculations are based on encounters over a 90 day period.

Technology Criteria of the Program

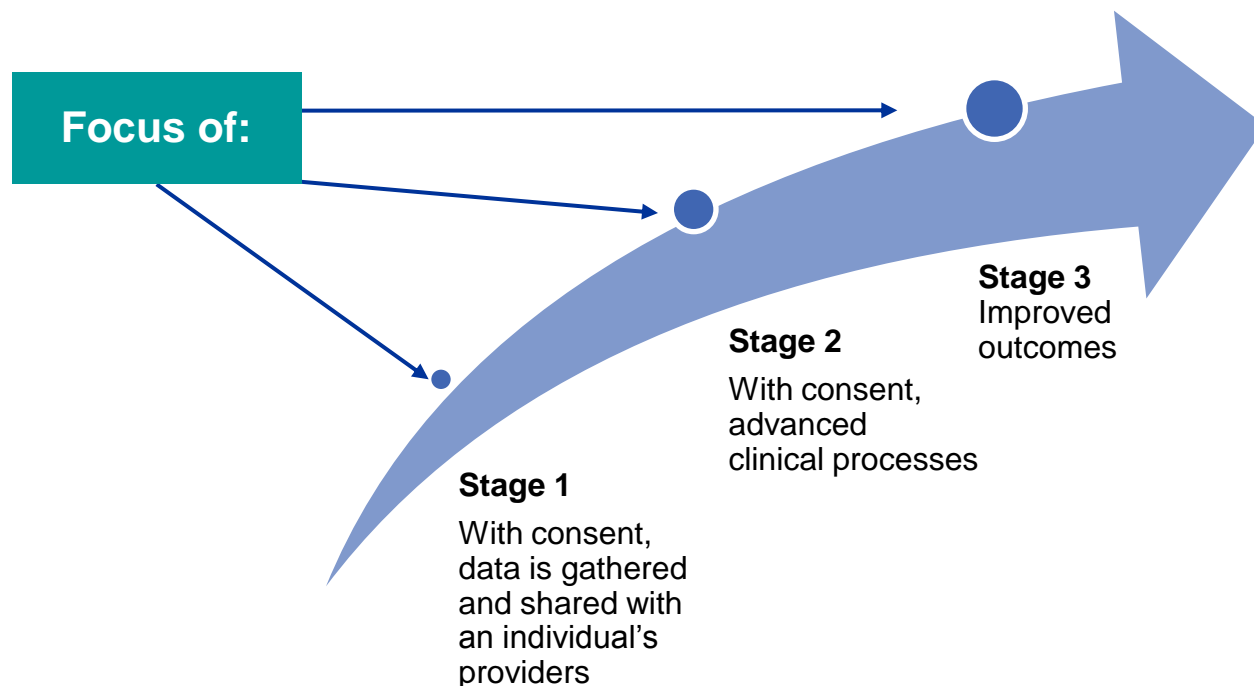
Adopt, Implement, and Upgrade and Meaningful Use

Eligible Professionals and Hospitals can receive incentive payments for meeting the following criteria:

- **Year 1:** Use the incentive payments to purchase, install, begin use, or improve current electronic records (“Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade”)
- **Years 2 - 6:** Use the technology to improve the integration and quality of health care, and submit “core” clinical quality and other measures (“Meaningful Use”)

Stages of Meaningful Use

- **Year 1:** Providers and hospitals apply and show that they meet program requirements (“attest”), and upon approval by MaineCare, receive payment
- **Year 2 – 6:** Providers and hospitals meet “Meaningful Use” which will be defined in three stages--2011, 2013, 2015
- Meaningful Use represents a graduated approach to achieve integrated, high quality, and efficient health care and improved health outcomes



Meaningful Use Stage 1 Measures

- In Stage 1, providers must meet a set number of “core” objectives and a number of “menu set” objectives to demonstrate Meaningful Use
- Objectives include measures to:
 - Electronically track patient information (demographics, medication lists, smoking status, vital signs)
 - Effectively use electronic information (exchange information among providers, summarize and report information to CMS, the State, public health registries, share information with patients, protect information)

Type	Total Number of Meaningful Use Objectives	Total Number of Meaningful Use Objectives that Must be Met to Qualify for an Incentive Payment
Eligible Providers	25 (15 Core; 10 Menu Set)	20 (15 Core + 5 of 10 Menu Set)
Hospitals	24 (14 Core; 10 Menu Set)	19 (14 Core + 5 of 10 Menu Set)

Payment Amounts

Payment Schedule for Eligible Professionals

- Providers may apply when MaineCare launches its program, scheduled for fall 2011, or may apply anytime through 2016
- Payments to Eligible Professionals are distributed over a six year period

Year	Payment Amount
1	\$21,250
2	\$8,500
3	\$8,500
4	\$8,500
5	\$8,500
6	\$8,500
TOTAL	\$63,750

Participation in the MaineCare Program

Application Process

MaineCare Incentive Payment Program

	Registration Application to participate in the Incentive Program	Attestation Providers show that they meet program requirements	Payment Incentive payment distributed to providers
Eligible Professionals	Registration done through the CMS website when Maine launches the program (targeted for late summer/early fall 2011)	Provider information will be sent from CMS to MaineCare to process; Providers show (attest) that they meet program requirements.	MaineCare will issue payments within 60 days after application approved by MaineCare
Hospitals	<p>Medicaid: Registration done through the CMS website when Maine launches the program.</p> <p>Medicare: Registration through the CMS website began January 3, 2011</p>	<p>Medicaid: Information will be sent from CMS to MaineCare to process; Hospitals show (attest) they meet program requirements.</p> <p>Medicare: Attestation done via the CMS website which begins April 2011. The attestation covers both Medicare and Medicaid.</p>	<p>MaineCare will issue payments within 60 days after application approved by MaineCare</p> <p>Federal agency will issue payments</p>

Benefits of the Incentive Payment Program

- Private/Public sectors benefit as payments go to health care providers and hospitals who work directly with private sector companies to develop and implement technology
- Incentive payments can reimburse providers and hospitals who have already implemented health information technology
- Incentive payments are 100% federal funding; administration costs are 90% federal funding (10% state share can be funded through 'in-kind' contributions)
- Flexibility
 - Providers and hospitals choose the software and type of technology that best meets their needs
 - After states and providers gave feedback to federal agencies, program was recently revised to make it more administratively simple and efficient to implement and operate
- Funds and the new technology particularly benefit rural states, like Maine, to improve health outcomes and efficiency of health care system
- MaineCare is part of collaborative effort with other public/private partnerships in Maine that leverage and maximize use of funds and return on investment

Web Resources for Additional Program Information



MaineCare HIT Webpage

- Information specific to Maine's EHR Incentive Program
- <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/HIT/index.html>



State HIT Webpage

- Information about Statewide HIT Initiatives
- <http://www.maine.gov/hit/>



CMS EHR Incentive Program Website

- Information about the Incentive Programs, including Registration and Meaningful Use
- <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>

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